

SENATE BILL No. 130

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-43-4-3.3.

Synopsis: Conversion by failure to return rented property. Makes it a Class D felony if a person knowingly or intentionally fails to return a leased motor vehicle or item of personal property after delivery or attempted delivery of a notice by certified mail. Permits a court to enter a judgment of conviction for a Class A misdemeanor if the motor vehicle or item of personal property is returned or recovered within 90 days.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 35-43-4-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) If a person:**

(1) leases:

(A) a motor vehicle; or

(B) any item of personal property with a value greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

under a written agreement to return the motor vehicle or item of personal property to a specified location within a specified time; and

(2) fails to return the motor vehicle or item of personal property within the specified time;

the lessor shall comply with subsection (b).

(b) If a person fails to return a leased motor vehicle or item of personal property as described in subsection (a), the lessor may demand return of the motor vehicle or item of personal property by:



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- (1) sending written notification of the violation of the agreement to the person;
- (2) including in the notice a request for return of the motor vehicle or item of personal property within three (3) days after receipt of the notice; and
- (3) mailing the notice to the address provided by the person on the written agreement.

The lessor shall send the notice described by this subsection by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally fails to return a leased motor vehicle or item of personal property described in subsection (a) within three (3) days after delivery or attempted delivery of the notice described in subsection (b) commits rental conversion, a Class D felony. However, notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-7(b), if the motor vehicle or item of personal property is returned or recovered within ninety (90) days after the motor vehicle or item of personal property was required to be returned under the written agreement, the court may enter judgment of conviction as a Class A misdemeanor and sentence accordingly.

(d) Failure to receive a notice properly mailed to the person's last known address is not a defense to a prosecution under subsection (c).

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] IC 35-43-4-3.3, as added by this act, applies only to crimes committed after June 30, 2008.

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